

SPRING IS HERE, BUT WINTER HOLDS FORT

If Two Big Storms Behave Sunshine May Brighten the City This Afternoon.

BOCK BEER GOAT MISSED

Forecaster Sears Sure Vernal Season Will Be Well Advanced by June.

At precisely one minute before 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon Forecaster Jim Sears of the United States Weather Bureau took up a position at one of the broad south windows of his office at 17 Battery place and looked out in the direction of New York Bay.

He could not see the Bay, for it was shrouded in fog and obscured their only by the white blasts of tugs and ferries. A violent, driving rain swept the point of observation which Mr. Sears occupied, and then, before his eyes, it turned to snow. His brow clouded. Long experience in weather reading advised him that this meant that the thermometer would swing to the freezing point before midnight. Spring had come.

But Mr. Sears is nothing if not optimistic. He is a meteorologist. In a bulletin issued just before midnight—always the close of his official day—he announced last night that if two storm centers, one existing in its available way in the State of Idaho and the other doing a full circle of hundreds of miles to the south of Palm Beach, where the tides and jellyfish dwell, do not interfere with the carefully made calculations of his experts, it is conceivable more than possible—even that for the first spring Sunday of 1920, we may be able to look in a bright sunshine of an intensity approximating 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

Or, to put it in language the plain people can understand, if your laundry and garage pipes freeze last night, cheer up. They are unlikely to remain as frozen as all that when the mercury goes soaring to eight degrees above freezing this bright spring afternoon.

Scarcely a Tranquil Hour.
Mr. Sears conceded that all optimism to the contrary and notwithstanding, it had been a hard, an ungenerous, a brutal, an unattractive winter. Their had been hardly a day since November 13 when there had not been at least a flurry or trace of snow; a book which keeps the records of the official wind gauges showed yesterday that from the autumn to the vernal equinox there had been scarcely a tranquil hour in all these skies. The deepest snow of the year had been nothing to make a cry about—only six inches on February 5 and the same depth twenty days later. The temperature had approached genuine severity only twice, on midnight of January 21 and the next after. Three below zero marks the record for the winter. Yet in all the winters of a score of years, what with wind and snow and cold taken together and separately, there has never been anything so persistently malevolent as the winter of 1919-1920.

As the official tables make plain on examination and as the memory of man bears them out it was the unmitigated continuity that made the winter so heart-breaking.

On November 19 snow fell. Snow again fell on December 8 and on eleven December days after that. There was a respite from snow for ten days in

January. Then on January 11 snow began to fall again, and within the twenty remaining January days the snow fell more or less on seventeen of them. In February there were only fifteen snowy days out of a possible twenty-nine.

Recalls the Mayor's Blizzard.
Of course on the 4th, 5th and 6th of the month Mayor Hylan's blizzard was with us. The snow gauge showed a five and a half inch fall on the first and three of the three days, and a six inch fall on the 5th. Between the 1st and 6th and 11th R. T. surface cars were tied up, making pitiful the lot of the plain people; and for weeks thereafter we had with us the floundering truck horse, the bearded motor vehicle and the policeman who, pick in hands, helped chop New York from its shackles.

The coming of the vernal equinox yesterday was rendered doubly dismal by nothing less than the symbol of the season so dear to the faunal naturalists, the bearded bock goat frolicking in capricious, an light-headedness upon the rolling barrel. Rain and snow and cold are nothing to the boys who delight in fawn spots and Mother Hubbard overcoats were on every corner of muddy Fifth avenue yesterday. Spring is a day, not a condition with them, and is of no import beyond that it supplies them with an excuse to remove one manner of sartorial investiture and replace it with another. But to the earnest citizenry who toil and slave and earn a little ill-wind can be borne with equanimity, if only goats on barrels beckon from every corner hostelry all the flowery way uptown.

But it is the behest of James Sears of the weather service that all hands and the profiteers take heart of grace, March, whether it agree to it or not, must pass into the limbo of forgotten months within the next ten days. April will then be with us and after that May, July June, Mr. Sears imagines, the spring of 1920 will be well advanced. The memories of Americans are short and those of the New York variety notoriously so. By June, then, Mr. Sears insists, this winter will inevitably be over.

ALBANY CENSUS 113,344.

Schenectady Goes Up to 88,723, Watervliet to 16,073.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Population statistics for 1920 announced to-night by the Census Bureau included:

St. Paul, Minn., 234,555, increase 19,551, 9.2 per cent. over 1910.

Albany, N. Y., 113,344, increase 12,691, 12.1 per cent.

Rock Island, Ill., 55,177, increase 10,512, 19.4 per cent.

Watervliet, N. Y., 16,073, increase 889, 6.6 per cent.

Boston, N. Y., 18,923, increase 112, 1 per cent.

Schenectady, 88,723, increase 15,897, 21.8 per cent.

Hamilton, Ohio, 29,075, increase 4,596, 15.8 per cent.

Selma, Ala., 15,697, increase 1858, 14.3 per cent.

O'RYAN TO REVISIT FRANCE.

Will Photograph Graves of Men of Twenty-seventh Division.

Major Gen. John P. O'Ryan, formerly commander of the Twenty-seventh Division, will visit France soon to obtain data to complete the records of the division and to make a report concerning the services performed by the Twenty-seventh Division during the war against Germany. He also will inspect cemeteries in Belgium and France where the bodies of members of the division are buried.

Families of men buried in foreign cemeteries will be supplied with a copy of Gen. O'Ryan's report on cemeteries, including a photograph of the grave where a relative may be interred. An appropriation of \$1,200, exclusive of travel and subsistence, has been made to cover the cost of the survey.

RELATIVES GET MRS. BENIS'S MILLION

Widow of Standard Oil Man Also Aids Servants.

WHITE PLAINS, March 20.—The will of the late Mrs. Frances L. Benis, widow of one of the Standard Oil magnates, which disposes of an estate valued at about \$1,000,000, has just been filed for probate. Mrs. Benis, who died at her country home at Larchmont-on-the-Sound on March 6 last, divided her estate among her relatives.

Mrs. Benis bequeaths \$5,000 and \$1,000 respectively to her maids, Annie O'Connor and Kate O'Connor. She leaves legacies ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 to various relatives, including nieces and nephews.

Among the larger bequests are \$25,000 each to her sister-in-law, Minnie L. Robertson, and George H. Benis, a brother-in-law; \$15,000 each to her son, S. S. Hunter; Mildred L. Hunter, a niece; Hazel Hunter, niece, and Edith Hunter Brown, niece.

The residue of the estate is divided equally among Helen A. Pond of Park Ridge, Ill.; Minnie L. Robertson, George H. Benis, Hazel Hunter and Edith Hunter Brown of Lakewood, Ohio.

Edward P. Stack and Herman H. Stein are named as executors of the estate.

MINERS MAKE STRIKE THREAT

May Stop Work April 1 if Agreement Is Not Reached.

The anthracite mine operators were notified by the miners' representatives yesterday at the meeting of the subcommittee of the Anthracite Coal Conference at the Union League Club that the miners would give notice Tuesday whether there would be a cessation of work in the hard coal regions on April 1 if the conference has not agreed on the new contracts by that date.

The miners indicated that unless the operators would agree to make retroactive the award decided upon work probably would stop. The operators contended that any wage advances given the miners will have to be met by an increase in the price of coal and that as they cannot make prices retroactive they cannot afford to make wages retroactive.

TO PROBE SOLDIER TRAINING.

House Committee Ordered to Go Into Federal Board's Activities.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Investigation of the work of the Federal Board for vocational education in training war disabled soldiers and sailors was approved today by the House, which adopted a resolution giving the House Education Committee broad powers for conducting the inquiry.

The investigation was requested by the board after charges against its administration had been made by a newspaper, Representative Foss (Ohio), chairman of the Education Committee, told the House.

SILVER WEDDING CELEBRATED

Mr. and Mrs. Felix M. Warburg Receive Tribute.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix M. Warburg celebrated their silver wedding anniversary yesterday, receiving from the Joint Distribution Committee for Jewish War Sufferers a set of resolutions expressing gratitude and affection and conferring blessings. The presentation ended with: "May all the blessings of the All Highest be showered upon the heads of the man and woman who stand prominent in American Jewry for love of their kind and devotion to their people."

TAX COMMISSIONER OF NEWARK OUSTED

Was Party With Mayor's Firm in Realty Profit.

Tax Commissioner George F. Hewson of Newark, a close business associate of Mayor Charles P. Gilman and a prominent figure in Democratic politics, was dismissed from office yesterday by Director Alexander Archibald of the Department of Revenue and Finance. Mr. Hewson's dismissal, it was explained by Director Archibald, was the result of his being "insulting and uncivil" to taxpayers and a party to a real estate transaction in which the firm of Charles P. Gilman & Co. earned a commission of \$1,012. That \$1,012 should have come to the city of Newark, Mr. Archibald feels.

Mr. Hewson is vice-president and general manager of Charles P. Gilman & Co. and Mayor Gilman is the senior head. The treasurer and secretary is John J. Gill, Deputy Director of Public Affairs. According to Director Archibald, the really firm got the job of disposing of a parcel of property left to the city by the terms of the will of Miss Alice Hays.

GOLDEN RULE DRIVE SLOGAN.

Women Will Raise \$150,000 to Help Immigrants.

In announcing a \$150,000 campaign for the welfare and Americanization of immigrant women, Mrs. Alexander Kohn, chairman of the National Council of Jewish Women, said yesterday:

"We have tried to get along without the necessity of making a drive for funds, but we have devoted our energies to worthy public campaigns—Liberty loans, the Red Cross, United War Work and others. We have done for them as we would now be done by. A liberal application of the Golden Rule is going to make our drive a success."

Gov. Edwards to Hear Charges.

Gov. Edwards will hear the charges preferred against the State Board of Public Utilities Commissioners by Jersey City officials. It was announced yesterday by Jersey City officials. The hearing will be held in the Governor's office at Trenton.

STANDARD OIL MAN FREES MISSIONARY

Obtains Release of Rev. Dr. A. L. Shelton From Bandit.

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YUNNAN-FU, via Peking, March 20.—John Thornton, an agent for the Standard Oil Company, has effected the release from the so-called bandit of Yang Tien-Fu of the Rev. Dr. A. L. Shelton, the missionary who was captured by the Chinese guerrillas on January 3 and held for \$5,000 ransom. Thornton has sent word to this town that he will arrive with Dr. Shelton to-morrow. The Standard Oil agent was despatched to Yang Tien-Fu on March 2 by Lieut.-Col. Walter S. Drysdale, military attaché in the American Legation at Peking. Thornton reports that he effected the release of the missionary at Yuen-Meu and that Dr. Shelton evidently had been subjected to tremendous mental and physical strain.

The local government lent Thornton every assistance, and the Americans in this section are now demanding that the United States establish a resident Consul at Yunnan-Fu. Great Britain has two consular stations in this province, France three and Japan one. Germany is about to re-establish her old ante-war consular station here.

Thornton's message has it that Metcalfe, the member of the China Inland Mission sent here by the British Government, who was captured by the rebels of Yang Tien-Fu, about the same time as Dr. Shelton, is with the party and was released at the same time the missionary was.

Near End of Cross-State Walk.

Chaplain Samuel C. Benson, author of "Back From Hell," is finishing his walking tour across the State, distributing Bibles and lecturing for the American Bible Society, and will reach the city at 9 A. M. to-morrow. He will speak at Grant's Tomb and be escorted down Broadway to Madison Square by Bible Society officers and members. After an address he will be taken to the Bible House for a reception. Chaplain Benson served in the war with the Fifty-ninth Infantry.

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99.75

Highly individualized Suit, fashioned along trig, jaunty lines. The graceful jacket with slashed sides is outlined with lavish Bead embroidery, and shoe-string belt terminates in Bead tassels. The straight-line skirt shows vertical pockets and detachable belt.

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An unusually effective model, deftly fashioned in fine Poiret Twill, exhibiting smart finger-tip length Coat with slashed sides, Tuxedo collar, narrow belt, and hand-finished flap pockets. The straight-line Skirt has pockets and detachable belt.

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69.50

Simple tailored Box-Coat Suit of Poiret Twill, depending upon its fine lines and thorough tailoring for its beauty. Three smart folds at bottom of jacket in horizontal effect, accentuated by picot edges. The smart over-collar and vestee are of contrasting colored Linen.

Wraps and Capes

Exhibiting Gracefully Flowing Lines

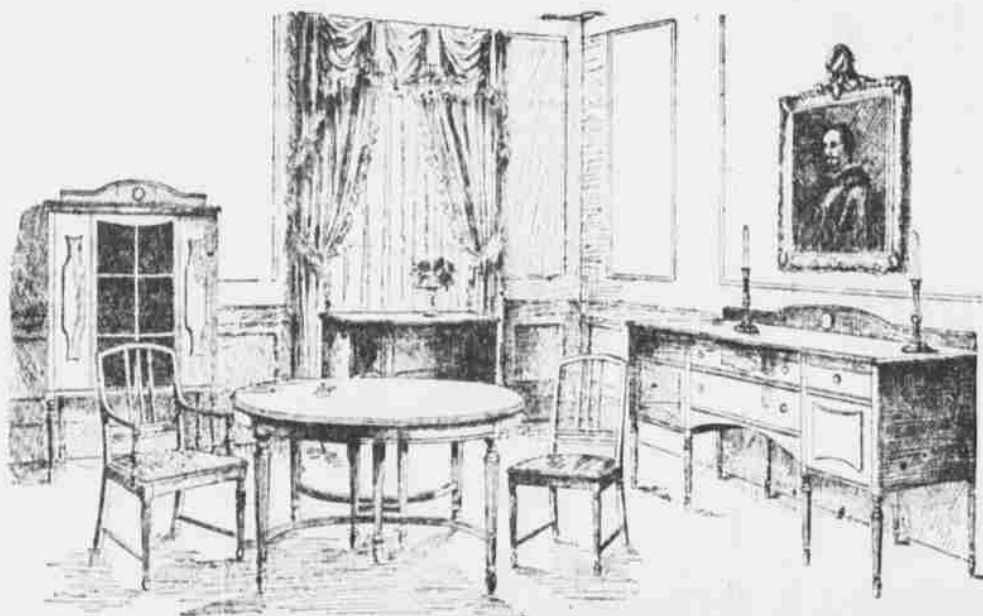
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